

## NEW YORK AGES FEARFUL PLIGHT WHILE CHILDREN FILL HOSPITALS

Infantile Paralysis Becomes Epidemic and Health Authorities Find Situation Practically Beyond Their Ability To Control

### COMMUNITY STAGGERED BY SPREAD OF DISEASE

While Babies Die By Scores, and Hundreds Contract Ailment, Experts Unable To Find Source of Plague Or Stem Progress

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, July 8.—This city yesterday called upon the National Red Cross for help in fighting the mysterious epidemic of infantile paralysis, which has grown to such proportions that it was thought enough nurses could not be secured here to attend the cases, but last night the appeal to the Red Cross was withdrawn, the local authorities stating that they believed the city's health organizations would be able to meet the emergency without outside help.

Voluntary aid from private hospitals has helped the situation which caused the city to call upon the Nation for help, when it seemed that the problem could not be handled locally.

The deaths up to tonight are 196, and hundreds of cases are being treated in hospitals all over the city.

### Hundreds of Nurses Needed

The city health authorities say that several hundred nurses are needed. The disease has spread like an epidemic, and there are thousands of cases to be handled. New York has not enough nurses and may yet call on the rest of the country for help. Brooklyn also reports hundreds of children stricken.

The community is staggered by the spread of the disease, which is little understood even by medical men. There were twenty-two deaths in the last twenty-four hours, and eighty-seven new cases were reported.

The city health authorities say that they have no idea of the cause of the epidemic, and are without knowledge or means to prevent it.

### Washington Sends Experts

Washington is sending several experts of the federal service to help in handling the situation. Since the children's playgrounds have been closed, by order of the health authorities, to avoid danger of further spread of the dreadful disease.

None of the medical experts are able to give any opinion as to the cause of the spread of infantile paralysis. They say that conditions indicate that several hundred nurses are needed at once.

This is the first outbreak of infantile paralysis since 1907 where more than one isolated case has been reported. During that year the city was beset by more than 2500 cases of a disease that was then little known to medical science. It was during that year that working knowledge of infantile paralysis was discovered.

### Germ Never Discovered

The germ of infantile paralysis has never been discovered by medical men, although its existence has been noted in many experiments. The germ is thought to be infinitely smaller than a typhoid germ, for it will pass through a porcelain filter such as is used to apprehend the smallest of disease germs.

This disease has been known to medicine since 1840, when Hahnemann, a German physician, recognized and described it. In 1841 Colonel von Arnim, described from his own outbreak of ten cases in Louisiana. The first epidemic of any importance was recorded by Bergholm, a Swedish doctor, in 1893, and the epidemic of Vienna occurred in 1909 in producing the disease in two monkeys by inoculating material from the spinal cord of a child who had died of the disease. Shortly after Doctors Flexner and Lewis of the Rockefeller Institute in this city transmitted the disease through a series of monkeys proving for the first time the actual existence of a germ.

### Other Epidemics of Past

During the last decade there have been epidemics of diphtheria frequently in many parts of the world. The worst of all these was the epidemic in New York in 1900, when the 2500 cases were reported. The most important of the other epidemics recorded were Norway and Sweden in 1905 with 1500 cases, Massachusetts in 1906 with 136 cases, and in 1909 with 100 cases.

The disease in the majority of cases proves fatal and in the milder forms it leaves a permanent disability of the legs, many times rendering a child helpless. In the extremely fatal cases on record children have been known to retain the use of their arms after treatment, but few could retain the use of their legs.

### JAPANESE EMPEROR TO DECORATE CZAR

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, July 7.—The Emperor Yoshihito will decorate the Czar of Russia with the highest Order of Chrysanthemum in September. He will also the decoration with Prince Kanon, who will visit Petrograd at that time. The Japanese Emperor will also send a like decoration to the Czarina.

## BRITISH ADVANCES OF TACTICAL VALUE

While Not Great As Far As Territory Is Concerned, They Are Important

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, July 8.—The British made new advances yesterday, capturing the immensely strong redoubt of Lepping, after furious fighting. The advance was made on this position by infantry charges, after a terrific artillery bombardment, and when the British forces reached the German position, which had been supposed to be impregnable, they found few defenders. The artillery fire had wiped out the defenses and destroyed trenches, and the charging infantry men found none to meet them in the expected bayonet fighting.

### Few Dazed German Taken

Seven hundred prisoners, dazed most of them by the terrific explosions to which they had been subjected, were taken in this attack. The prisoners were sent to the rear, and the British forces are reconstructing trenches in the district where their guns blew up the German trenches.

Earlier in La Baselle, a similar attack was made. On a length of two thousand yards the German positions were forced back five hundred yards, by hand-to-hand fighting.

### More Positions Are Taken

The British attacked with bayonets, and forced the Germans from their entrenchments. They captured the village of Orville, and in doing so took possession of five hundred yards of German trenches.

North of Fricourt, another violent British attack was made, and three lines of trenches were forced. The enemy was driven from entrenched positions in the woods. Here, again, the bayonet was used in the final attack by which the Germans were forced to retire or surrender.

### Contaminated Is Retaken

A terrific counter-attack was made at Contaminated. The Prussian Guards charged in great force, and with most heroic disregard of the fire directed upon them, an effort to stem the advance of the allied forces. They were repulsed with heavy losses, and seven hundred prisoners were taken.

Later the Germans renewed the attack, and recaptured Contaminated, and they are in possession of the place now. At last accounts, the British were starting a new assault of the position, attempting to retake it.

### Infantry Outstrip Artillery

At many points along the line of the attempted advance, the fighting has become mostly infantry fighting, hand-to-hand, with bayonets. While tremendous artillery duels precede all the efforts of the infantry to advance, this stage has passed at many points. The advancing forces have got beyond their heavy artillery. It is impossible to bring up the big guns quickly enough to help in forcing the positions it is desired to take. Hence there are infantry charges in which the bloodiest fighting of the war is being done.

### Advances of Great Value

A dateline dispatch given out by the foreign office last night says that while the British advances have not been substantial as far as territory is concerned, they have been of tactical value.

The war office says that the results of the offensive movement to date have been of great strategic advantage to the Allies. The bitterest fighting, says the war office statement, has been at Contaminated.

There is a lull in the fighting at the French end of the Somme sector, and not much fighting reported at Verdun.

### Tentative Cease Verdin Attacks

The German efforts there are believed to have been ended by the Allies' aggressive moves which have compelled withdrawals of troops from there to defend other positions. In the Somme sector not even artillery attacks are mentioned in the despatches.

In the Tinnant sector at Verdun repeated attacks were launched on the French lines. The Paris reports are that they were all repulsed. There are no reports from Berlin.

### TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES WILL BE EXAMINED TODAY

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### CAUSES AND CURE FOR DIARRHOEA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Overeating, a change in the temperature, exposure to cold, and impure water are some of the causes of diarrhoea. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cures these bowel disturbances promptly. For sale by all druggists. Beware of cheap imitations. Beware of cheap imitations.

## JAPANESE PREMIER SOON WILL RETIRE

Count Okuma Has Placed His Resignation In Hands of Emperor Yoshihito

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, July 8.—Count Okuma has placed his resignation as premier in the hands of the Emperor, with a recommendation of a successor. The great statesman will retire from government service and devote himself to educational work. It is not definitely known who was recommended by Okuma to the Emperor for prime minister, but it is generally believed that the new head of the government will be either Gen. Count S. Terauchi, governor-general of Korea, or Baron T. Kato, leader of the Doshikai party.

Count Okuma's resignation will be formally and officially presented on July 23, and the Mikado will decide upon a successor to him before that time. After his retirement the veteran statesman will serve as an elder statesman, and he proposes to devote his remaining years of life to Waseda University of which he was the founder.

Okuma has been premier of Japan during the most important periods of her recent history, and is recognized the world over as probably Japan's greatest statesman and diplomat.

## REAR-ADMIRAL POND SUCCEEDS CAPERTON

Later Soon Will Assume Command of Pacific Fleet

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Rear Admiral Charles F. Pond has been appointed to succeed William B. Caperton as commander of the naval forces at San Domingo, Caperton is to succeed Admiral Cameron McK. Winslow, in command of the Pacific Fleet, Winslow retiring for age.

Rear Admiral Pond was stationed in Honolulu for many years, as commandant of the naval station. He was transferred to Mare Island navy yard in 1905.

Caperton, on taking his new post of duty, will assume the rank of admiral.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels stated last night that Caperton had been named for promotion on account of his "valuable and satisfactory service at Haiti and San Domingo, and also because of his long record as a highly efficient officer."

## STORM SWEEPS GULF STATES: DAMAGE HEAVY

Four Million Dollars May Not Cover Property Losses

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW ORLEANS, July 8.—Four million dollars is the estimated damage done by a storm which swept Mississippi and Alabama yesterday.

Western Florida and in Louisiana there were also losses, and it is probable that there are some shipping losses, but not yet reported. A number of small vessels caught in the storm have not yet been heard from. Only one fatality has been reported.

The telephone service throughout the region swept by the storm is much deranged, so that it will be some time before complete reports of the damage done are received.

## PROMINENT AMERICAN KILLED IN FLANDERS

Adopted Son of A. G. Spalding Dies With British

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, July 8.—A. Goodwill Spalding has been killed in action, during the British offensive movement in Flanders. The news was received today by his family in a despatch from the British war office.

He was an adopted son of A. G. Spalding, the famous baseball promoter and sporting authority. When the war broke out he offered his services to the British government, and joined the Irish Rifles.

The telephone report says that he lost his life two days ago, in an attack upon the German trenches in Flanders.

## CHINESE ARE PLEASED WITH JAPAN'S MINISTER

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, July 7.—The appointment of Baron H. Hasegawa as Japanese minister to Peking has met with favor among the Chinese. In Peking, the Chinese press states that Baron Hasegawa will help to further a friendly spirit between the Chinese and Japanese people. Previous to his appointment as minister to China Baron Hasegawa was ambassador to Rome, but on account of ill health asked to return to the Far East. He succeeds H. Hirooka as minister to the Chinese capital.

## ARMY OF MONGOLIA'S ADVANCES UPON PEKING

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, July 7.—An army of 15,000 Mongolian troops are marching on Peking. They will be joined by a large army of Manchurians in the attack on the Chinese capital. The army is being supported by Mongolian and Manchurian chiefs who wish to see the Manchu dynasty returned to power. The Mongolians have marched across the Gobi desert and have already crossed the Great Khingan mountains and will join the Manchurians near Mukden.

## MASTER OF CHIYO MARU SUSPENDED FOUR MONTHS

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shiping.)

TOKIO, July 7.—The investigation by the government of the wreck of the Chiyo Maru near Hongkong about six months ago has resulted in a suspension of Captain Bent's license for a period of four months. The first officer was charged with negligence of duty in connection with the collision, which was exacerbated.

## GERMAN FORCES ARE RETREATING TO EVADE RUSS

This Is Indicated By Reports From Petrograd Regarding Operations of Slavs

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, July 8.—While the Mexican situation was being diplomatically considered yesterday by the administration waiting to hear from Carranza as to how negotiations should proceed, the situation was somewhat aggravated by reports of victories over German forces by Villistas.

It was announced at the state department that the inception of "diplomatic conversations" between the United States and Mexico, to settle their differences, awaited suggestions from Carranza as to how they should proceed. Since the last exchange of notes, and Carranza's showing of a desire to conciliate the United States, it is assumed that he is ready to treat further, and discuss the matter of whether American troops shall be withdrawn from Mexico or not.

Doctor Arredondo, the Mexican minister, late yesterday transmitted to the Mexican government the American reply to the last Carranza note. It asked for conferences to settle the differences between the two countries.

## RUSSIA AND POLAND PROBABLY ABANDONED

General Brusiloff Pours Legions Through Carpathians and Flanks von Hindenburg

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, July 8.—That the German forces are retreating from Russia and Poland, from Riga to the end of their long line which reaches to where the Czar's armies are passing through the Carpathian Mountains to attack Hungary, is indicated by the reports to night from Petrograd. The Russian announcement is that the army is advancing along its whole front, and compelling a withdrawal of all the German forces from the territory won by the great drive of Field Marshal von Hindenburg last year.

The advance into the Carpathians has gone so far that the German forces have to be concentrated nearer home. At other points the Russian forces are attacking in such force as to make the positions of the German armies in the far advanced positions in Russia, most dangerous.

There are signs of a general German withdrawal towards the West, to save the German army from any flanking movements which will be easily possible if the Russian successes against the Austrians and Hungarians continue.

A Russian army in Hungary, say the military experts, may be considered as on its way to Prussia, or to get behind the immense German army which von Hindenburg led to Riga, and still holds there. A Sedan faces a German army that allows a Russian force to proceed much farther than the army of General Brusiloff has already gone.

According to wireless despatches from Rome, the Russian commander has won a new strategic victory at Baranovichi. There is no report of heavy fighting, but the telegram tell of Russian advances, along the whole frontier of 200 miles from Riga to Baranovichi.

The country is not trenched as in the western frontier, and the Russian armies are advancing miles a day where on the other side of the attack upon the Central Powers the advance is by yards.

### Great Battle Seems Near

It is predicted by some of the London military observers that von Hindenburg will retire towards the West, and the reports of a general movement westward of the German army are taken as an indication that the movement has already begun, with a view to meeting General Brusiloff in Hungary or Prussia.

The Russian army advancing and the German army retreating, it is pointed out, may meet in an encounter which will not be one of armies in entrenched positions.

General Brusiloff's strategy in attacking the Austrians and making advances which seem likely to compel German retirement from their advanced positions in Russia, is highly commended.

## WOMAN WHO DRINKS ANT POISON IS DEAD

Police Refuse To Send Ambulance When Accident Is Reported

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

At about half past seven several drams of ant poison, early yesterday morning, Mrs. Thomas Smith, 1387 King street, survived its effects until last night, although she did not receive medical attention until a considerable time afterward. She died at six o'clock.

The police, then notified shortly afterward by a streetcar passenger, who had been informed of the affair directly following its occurrence, refused to send an ambulance to the home because they had received no information from the Smith premises.

Dr. James T. Wayson was called in, however, and he said the victim probably would recover. Thomas Smith, the husband, is a streetcar motorman. A neighbor was in the house at the time, but happened to be in another room when Mrs. Smith took the poison.

## REPUBLICANS EXPECTED TO HOLD RATIFICATION

Platform Convention Expected To Endorse Hughes-Fairbanks

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has sent to the senate a report on the tariff negotiations of the navy. He grades the various vessels of the Atlantic Fleet as in five classes—"excellent, good, fair, unsatisfactory and poor." The grading is based upon recent practice tests. In the Pacific Fleet, the cruiser San Diego is rated as "excellent" by Mr. Daniels.

## W. O. SMITH SAYS QUEEN IS MENTALLY COMPETENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Queen Liliuokalani is mentally competent in the opinion of W. O. Smith, whose testimony was taken yesterday for use in the suit instituted by Prince Kuhio to break the trust created by the former ruler of these islands. Mr. Smith testified for almost two hours yesterday concerning his relations with the Queen with regard to the trust. He said that she had seen him numerous times about it and was fully informed and cognizant of its import.

## MEXICAN SITUATION NOW AT STANDSTILL

Washington Waits For Carranza To Indicate How Negotiations Shall Proceed

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## PHONE FEDERAL OFFICER CAUGHT

Said To Have Been Negotiating Deal With Chinese To 'Import' Opium

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

After having made a fairly good living, according to reports, for several months by posing as a United States secret service agent and as an opium commission merchant, Ned Widler, a hanger-on at Twelfth, is lodged in jail on a charge of impersonating a government officer.

A warrant sworn out by Marshal Smith, who has been keeping in close touch with the movements of the alleged impersonator, led to Widler's arrest, and yesterday he was brought before Commissioner Curry who fixed his bail at \$2000.

Widler is said to have been negotiating a deal with local Chinese to import a large amount of opium from Shanghai and endeavor to extract a little money in advance from the Chinamen.

He is said to have posed as a secret service agent to a number of Celestials and agreed to "square" their cases for the modest sum of \$400.

Learning of Widler's operations, Marshal Smith collected his evidence and got out a warrant for the man's arrest.

## PROMOTERS OF TAXI COMPANY FACE SUIT

Receiver Ask Permission of Court To Begin Action Against Japanese

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

George Ikeda and others who were instrumental in promoting the Japanese Taxi Company, now defunct, may have a few suits on their hands, at the request of the receiver for the company is favored by Judge Ashford of the circuit court.

Attorney Howard Graess, as receiver of the company, filed a report in court yesterday asking permission to sue Ikeda and others on account of their connection with the company.

In his report he said, "My petitioner Ikeda was the organizer and promoter of the company, immediately after incorporation proceeded to dispose of his shares. Your petitioner believes, from what he has been able to ascertain, that many of these transfers were not made in good faith, particularly the transfers made by Ikeda and Yaguchi, and asks leave of this court to institute proceedings against all of the stockholders, both original stockholders and those who accepted transfers of stock, for the purpose of collecting the balance now due to the corporation on unpaid stock, which will amount to the sum of \$10,439.07. The books of the company show accounts payable as \$411.91.

## HAWAII NO PLACE FOR JOB-HUNTERS

Promotion Committee Warns All Persons Seeking Positions To Get Located First

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

One of the results of the advertising campaign which Hawaii has made as a tourist resort is a perfect flood of applications, at many railroad, factory and at the Hawaiian Promotion Committee agencies in the mainland, from persons who want to come to the "Paradise of the Pacific" seeking employment. In California the number of inquiries has become so great and the difficulty of replying is such, that a request was sent to Honolulu for definite instructions regarding what should be told the folk who want advice about coming to Hawaii.

The instructions that will be sent forward are that no one should come to Hawaii without capital, or a definite prospect in view. The inquiries are coming from the mainland, but from Canada and Australia, and the promotion committee has heavy correspondence in answering the letters. They are from farmers, clerks, bookkeepers and all sorts of persons, and "What shall we tell them?" is the question which the agencies of the promotion committee have asked.

"We are replying with instructions to our agents that they tell all persons that Hawaii is no place for those seeking positions to come without some capital, or some very definite prospect," said Secretary Taylor of the promotion committee yesterday.

## PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS PAZO OINTMENT IS GUARANTEED TO CURE BLEEDING, ITCHING OR PROTRUDING PILES IN 6 TO 14 DAYS OR MONEY REFUNDED. MANUFACTURED BY THE PARIS MEDICINE CO., ST. LOUIS, U. S. A.

## HILO TRACTION BILL RADICALLY CHANGED

Measure Pending Before Congress Shows Many Changes Since First Introduced

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Copies of the Hilu Traction Company franchise bill as now pending in Congress, received by Governor Fisk, show some important changes in the measure since it was first introduced. One of them is to make the franchise an indeterminate one, instead of for a definite period of fifty years. The bill is now in the hands of the committee on Territories, in the House.

"The indeterminate term franchise is one recently approved by Congress," said Manager C. G. Ballentine of the Rapid Transit company, in discussing the traction bill. "It conforms to the franchises of the Hawaiian Electric Company and the Honolulu Gas Company, both of which are indeterminate. The proposed Rapid Transit franchise is also of indeterminate term."

"The amendment bill also substitutes two and one-half per cent of the gross earnings of the company to be paid to the County of Hawaii, instead of the division of profits provided for in the original measure."

"It also places the company under control of the public utilities commission with the exception of the location of tracks on the streets and their maintenance, which are placed under control of the board of supervisors, County of Hawaii. This control was formerly under four different authorities, the governor, superintendent of public works, board of supervisors and a board made up of the chief justice, superintendent of public works, chairman of the board of supervisors and judge of the circuit court."

"The new bill also extends the time in which construction may be begun from August 1, 1916, to August 1, 1918."

At least two miles shall be completed and ready for use within two years after commencement of work, the copy received here says. The original act was approved August 1, 1912, and was amended July 25, 1914, to allow two years more time in which to begin construction.

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